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REF: A. NPG (STAFF GROUP)74(8) REVISED

B. STATE 205984

C. NPG(STAFF GROUP)N(74)96

D. USNATO 5097

1. AT SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP MADE ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL CHANGES AND COMPLETED WORK ON THE STUDY ON COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTIONS TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. MISSION WILL POUCH FINAL TEXT OF STUDY TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS IS PUBLISHES IT.

2. US REP DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAFT PERMREPS' REPORT ON THE SHAPE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON AIR DEFENSE USE (REF A) SOUGHT BY WASHINGTON IN REF B.SG MEMBERS,ALTHOUGH

DISMAYED AT FURTHER DELAY IN COMPLETION OF THE REPORT, AGREED TO DEFER DETAILED DISCUSSION UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE US TO TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION SPECIFIC CHANGES IN TEXT OF THE REPORT.

3. SG CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) CIRCULATED A NOTE (REF C - POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE) CALLING ATTENTION TO AMB RUMSFELD'S LETTER

OF AUGUST 27, 1974 TO ASYG PANSA AND PERMREPS ON THE NATO-RELATED ITEMS IN SECTION 302 OF THE US MILITARY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT, IN PARTICULAR SECTION 302(D) ON TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE. NOTING THAT THE SUBJECT FALLS WITHIN THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THE NPG, SG CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT THE STAFF GROUP DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23.

4. GREEK REP ATTENDED SEPTEMBER 19 SG MEETING. IN CONVERSATION WITH US REP PRIOR TO SG MEETING, TURKISH REP (SUNGAR) EXPRESSED BEWILDERMENT AT CONTINUING ATTENDANCE OF GREEK REP. HE SAID HE HAD PLANNED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF TURKISH ATTENDANCE AT THE ROME NPG MEETING IN PLACE OF GREECE (SEE REF D), BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES FELT IT NECESSARY TO DELAY SUCH A STEP. HE SAID HE NONETHELESS PLANNED TO DO SO NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY AT THE SEPTEMBER 23 SG MEETING.

COMMENT: WE HAVE INFORMED SG CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) WHO HAD HEARD SAME REPORT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SHEARER IS ADVISING TURKISH REP AGAINST RAISING THIS SUBJECT WHILE GREEK REP STILL ATTENDING SG MEETINGS. SHEARER IS POINTING OUT THAT, IF TURKS WISH TO RAISE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION, THEIR AMB SHOULD DO SO WITH SYG AND FELLOW PERMREPS. END COMMENT. MCAULIFFE

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